

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of August 21, 2014**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:03 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Michael Caron  
(designee for Chairman House)  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Philip T. Ashton  
Michael W. Klemens  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Council Members Absent:**

James J. Murphy  
Vice Chairman

Barbara C. Bell  
Eileen M. Daily

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Christina Walsh  
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst  
David Martin  
Siting Analyst

**Staff Members Absent**

Fred Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of July 29, 2014.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 29, 2014, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 288 – AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Wireless and Valley Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 38 Spring Hill Lane, Bethel, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the transfer of certificate from AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Wireless and Valley Communications, Inc. to Blue Sky Towers, LLC, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 440 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development & Management Plan with the following conditions:

- The antennas and antenna mounts shall not extend beyond the limits of the monopole tree branches;
- The utilities shall be run underground to cross Smith Hill Road; and
- All construction shall remain within the delineated boundaries of the subject property.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 441 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development & Management Plan with the condition that the antennas and antenna mounts shall not extend beyond the limits of the monopole tree branches, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 445 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Dr. Klemens, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Caron, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**PETITION NO. 1087 – Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 250 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Wal-Mart store, 625 School Street, Putnam, Connecticut. Request to Revise.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the petitioner's request to revise the petition to not include an Uninterruptable Power Module, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1088 – Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 250 kW Fuel Cell to be located at the Wal-Mart store, 161 Berlin Road, Cromwell, Connecticut. Request to Revise.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the petitioner's request to revise the petition to not include an Uninterruptable Power Module, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1104 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.2 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility and a 2.8 MW AC Fuel Cell facility on approximately 22 acres of the former Seaside Landfill located at 350 Waldemere Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Request for Party Status.**

Mr. Ashton moved to grant party status to the City of Bridgeport, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1108 – American Tower Corporation and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the expansion of an existing telecommunications facility located at 668 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- That AT&T/ATC retain as much of the existing vegetation as possible, including the large diameter ash tree;
- Install new evergreens along the northwest corner of the new fence line adjacent to the dirt road;
- The tower and foundation shall be reinforced in accordance with the structural analysis report prepared by ATC dated May 9, 2014 and stamped by William Garrett; and,

- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, ATC shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1109 – UB Fuel Cell, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 1.4 MW Fuel Cell facility to be located at the University of Bridgeport located at 446 University Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1110 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Milford 115-kV transmission line upgrade project consisting of the northern and southern sections of 115-kV lines extending from Milvon Substation to Devon Tie Switching Station in Milford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that the petitioner submit a Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

**EM-T-MOBILE-135-130318 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 555 Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Request to Waive Fee.**

Mr. Ashton moved to deny T-Mobile Northeast LLC's Request to Waive the Fee, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Administrative Matters.**

##### **The following calendar events were discussed:**

- Thursday, September 4, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, September 9, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 449 (AT&T) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, September 11, 2014, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Petition No. 1104 (United Illuminating) at the Bridgeport City Hall, Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 448 (Cellco) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

- Thursday, September 18, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm